

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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Port Augusta

CITY COUNCIL

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2027

**Citizen, Young Citizen,
Community Event of the Year,
Award for Active Citizenship &
Environmental Sustainability Award**

CONFIDENTIAL NOMINATION FORM 2027

Australia Day Citizen, Young Citizen, Community Event of the Year Awards, and the Award for Active Citizenship are presented annually to local citizens/groups who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

The Awards are provided by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout the State on behalf of the Council.

The Port Augusta City Council is committed to leading the way in protecting the environment and invites nominations for Council's Environmental Sustainability Awards, designed to promote Council's objectives and recognise those that contribute and promote a sense of community.

Categories:

Australia Day Citizen Award:

The most outstanding Citizen for the local government authority.

Australia Day Young Citizen Award:

The most outstanding Young Citizen for the local government authority. Nominees for this category must be 30 years of age or less on 26 January in the year of the award presentation.

The Community Event of the Year Award:

Presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Award for Active Citizenship:

Presented to a person or group delivering outstanding work on an event or project for the community during the year.

Environmental Sustainability Award:

Two annual Environmental Sustainability Awards have been established, one for Groups and one for Individuals, presented to a person or group delivering outstanding work on an event or project for the community during the year.

Presentation of the Awards:

The Awards are to remain confidential until presentation by the Mayor at the Australia Day Celebrations held at Gladstone Square on 26 January.

Return of Forms

The closing date for nominations is 18 December 2026. Please attach supporting documentation to the completed nomination form and return in a sealed envelope marked confidential to:

Executive Assistant
City Management
Port Augusta City Council
4 Mackay Street (PO Box 1704)
PORT AUGUSTA 5700

AWARD CATEGORY (Please ☒ applicable award)

- ☐ **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**
- ☐ **YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**
- ☐ **COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR**
- ☐ **AWARD FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP**
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**

ALL NOMINEE AND NOMINATOR CONTACT DETAILS ARE REQUIRED TO BE FULLY COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION.

NOMINEE DETAILS (the person/organisation you would like to nominate)

Surname _____ Other Names _____

OR/

Community Event name (where applicable) _____

Private address _____

Phone (home) _____ (bus) _____

Date of Birth _____

NOMINATOR (your details)

Name _____

Organisation represented (if any) _____

If on behalf of an organisation, please state your position _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (bus) _____ (mobile) _____

Signature of person making the nomination _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL CONTACT/REFEREE

Please list one other person who may be contacted for further information about the nominee/organisation.

Name _____

Position _____

Phone (home) _____ (bus) _____ (mobile) _____

Please complete the following and/or you may wish to attach a separate submission in support of the nominee

Reason for the nomination – how has the person/organisation contributed to the community?

Please list any other significant contributions and/or achievements

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must be Australian citizens for all categories except the 'Award for Active Citizenship'.

Self nominations will not be accepted.

Nominees must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the Award presentation.

Nominees for the category of Young Citizen of the Year must be 30 years of age or less on 26 January in the year of the Award presentation.

Sitting state and federal politicians, current vice-regal officers and elected members of council are not eligible.

Retired politicians, elected members and vice-regal officers will be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties.

Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Groups of people, organisations or couples will not normally be eligible for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations.

Both individuals and organisations should be considered for the Community Event of the Year as this recognises the organising body or committee responsible for the event.

Absolutely no weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated.

Selection Criteria

Citizen & Young Citizen of the Year

There are no specific criteria to address, but nominees should have a broad involvement within the community – not be single-organisation focused. The following guidelines are designed to help nominators compile appropriate information to clearly aid the judging panel in its considerations:

- Provide the best possible resumé covering all aspects of the person's various involvements, listing the individual areas and/or roles in which the person has excelled.
- How does the person stand out from others? How has their achievement/services been greater than what might be normally expected of a person their age and in their fields?
- How has their involvement made Port Augusta a better place? How does the person make you proud to be part of the Port Augusta and broader Australian community?
- What qualities make the person inspirational? Why should others look at them as a role model?
- Has the person received other recognition through State, National or International Awards?

Community Event of the Year

The nomination should show, as examples, how the event:

- Generates a high level of community involvement in its planning and staging, in association with an appropriate level of attendance numbers.
- Generates positive publicity, and the amount, for Port Augusta both within and beyond the city.
- Brings people to Port Augusta.
- Value adds to Port Augusta through economic, lifestyle or community wellbeing.
- Promotes community co-operation, understanding and goodwill.

Award for Active Citizenship

Active Citizenship can be as small as a campaign to clean up your street or as big as educating young people about democratic values, skills and participation.

The nomination should show, as examples, how the person or group:

- Makes a significant contribution to the community.
- Is an inspirational role model for the community or has demonstrated excellence in their field.
- Is involved in the community and displays values such as respect, inclusion and helping others.
- Demonstrates outstanding contribution and community service including areas such as; education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of the community.

Environmental Sustainability Award

The nomination should show, as examples, how the person or group:

- Advocates for the sustainability and preservation of the environment.
- Is involved in environmental projects, including initiatives such as Clean up Australia Day; and
- Implements their own environmental initiatives.

How to Compile your Submission

- Please read all the information carefully, follow the guidelines as to what details should be included, and ensure all sections of the nomination form are completed correctly.
- Written submissions should be clear, easy to read, suitable for photocopying (preferable A4 size) and attached to the nomination form.
- Attachments to support the nomination (e.g., media publicity, photos, copies of awards, etc) are to be photocopied on A4 paper. Please do not submit any original documents.